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14 March 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Executive Director

FROM: [redacted]  
Deputy General Counsel

SUBJECT: Legislative Relief from the FOIA

REFERENCE: Memo to DCI from D/GC; dtd 24 Feb 83;  
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1. Pursuant to Representative Romano Mazzoli's earlier commitment that he would confirm with [redacted] attorney with the ACLU, that [redacted] and I had indeed arrived at an agreement on FOIA relief legislation, Mr. Mazzoli called [redacted] and me to his office on 11 March 1983.

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2. In the course of a half-hour meeting, Representative Mazzoli closely questioned [redacted] and me to assure himself that we had indeed arrived at an agreement. Mr. Mazzoli said he was very pleased that there was an agreement and said that consequently he believed that chances for getting appropriate legislation passed would be quite good. Mr. Mazzoli sternly lectured [redacted] to emphasize that the ACLU "had no right" to get information which reveals the identities of sources or details regarding intelligence methods. At the same time, Mr. Mazzoli said to me that the public does have a right for access to all intelligence produced by the Community which contributes to policy decisions to the extent that such information can be disclosed without damaging security. [redacted] and I each expressed our agreement with Mr. Mazzoli's remarks and pointed out that is precisely what we had hoped to achieve with our agreement.

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3. A brief discussion was held regarding how to proceed henceforth. It was agreed that Mr. Mazzoli would telephone me this week to request the Agency to provide drafting assistance for a bill. Thereafter, Mr. Mazzoli would look at our effort and, if he finds it acceptable, will forward it to [redacted] with a request for comments by the ACLU. Mr. Mazzoli suggested that it might be a good idea for [redacted] and me to work together on the draft before it is submitted to him.

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4. We will have a draft ready for discussion with [redacted] early this week.

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